

indicate an experience I had last summer. I had a contact from some people in my district who was concerned that there was some marijuana being collected and stored in an area. I contacted the Patrol properly and they promptly came out within a reasonable period, but as it developed they found ten sacks in a empty building weighing from 10 to 35 pounds, according to their information, but they had to leave the scene because of some problems, as far as I'm concerned was lack of personnel, and they had to come back within an hour. In fact, they had to come back to Lincoln for some reason because they couldn't leave one man there. In that hour they came back, the whole catch was gone. Now, I don't know how many times this occurs because they don't have the manpower to follow up on these kind of situations. But I am sure of one thing that additional men will help and I agree the only way you can cut the drug problem is to get those who are collecting it, peddling it, the pusher, and they should be socked and socked hard, and I think we should put as many men as it takes to accomplish that and I would hope that Senator Schmit's bill, both the appropriation and the act, will be passed.

SPEAKER: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, and fellow members, I didn't intend to speak on this, but we had I think one of the largest caches in drugs in our district. They did pick up the material. They picked up the people responsible. The Highway Patrol spent many, many days, hours, weeks. A hundred percent, it looked to me like they could not possibly turn these people loose. I think there is something wrong with our courts. Now, this has been well published in our district. These people were shipping out dope, by plane. One of the largest productions in the state of Nebraska. They went scot-free out of the courts. They had the evidence. They had the people, and if we just keeping bringing people into courts, and we are doing that with alcohol problems, we're doing that with drugs. If we just keep bringing those people into courts and the evidence is there, there is something wrong with our courts, and I don't know how you are going to correct it. But I think that is one of the most disgusting cases I've seen, and, therefore, until we can see some satisfaction in that situation. And there was a lot of time and effort spent in that case. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney and then Senator Stahmer. These are all the lights I have on the Board.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I rise to oppose my friend, Senator Schmit. I agree with Senator Whitney. I think you can over do law enforcement. I think that we, also, have County Sheriffs and these people are constantly going to training courses which are set up on a state basis, and in the major type of narcotics that we have across the state. Just to keep adding on more men and more men is going to be a bill that is going to be astronomical. I feel that when the Patrol, itself, comes forward and says that they have to have these people then it is time, but I agree with Senator Whitney on this one. In the Budget, you can just keep making these bureaus bigger and bigger and in this particular case, the number 15 or the number 20 or 25, sometimes we react in sort of a state of panic, and in this case here this morning, I don't feel that 15 is any magic number. If they need an additional one or two, this would be fine, but I do not agree that we should just wholesale, go out and put 15 more men into one particular department because there seems to be this problem all over Nebraska.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer and then Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd like to respond to what Senator Syas said as to why there are any other ways, and I am not speaking against Senator Schmit's